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Amendments to Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 3 with the following amended paragraph.

For example, in complex heterogeneous systems, it can be necessary to monitor real-time performance to ensure that the network functions optimally. A content delivery network (CDN) is an example of a complex heterogeneous system and can include e-Business systems and communication networks. Since the CDN can consist of entities and diverse components, the size and heterogeneous characteristics of these CDNs can make it extremely difficult to perform real time analysis. Entities and components can include, but are not limited to servers, switches, routers, caches, load dispatchers (LD) and traffic managers. As a result, it is often required to perform tests on a scalable version of the network. Even then, personnel and expertise are required to dutifully monitor each component, entity or subsystem of the network, along with any associated applications databases and platforms. This post analysis monitoring can be time extremely time consuming and very expensive.